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5. [ ] a local business man, informed me that Ben Mandel, of the staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, had told Heimlich that he planned to urge on Chairman Eastland the need to investigate the American occupation of Germany from its inception from the standpoint of subversiveness. Heimlich told Mandel that in his opinion this was now "water over the dam" and could be of assistance to no one but the Communists, and that he would strongly urge the subcommittee not to open

up this issue. Col. Heimlich desired me to bring this matter to the DCP's attention, and thought it might be well to urge the Department of State to try to head off the investigation.

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